

### **REMARKS**

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Claims 10 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Griffith in Politi. Claims 11-13 and 15-18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The current amendments to the claims are believed to place all remaining claims in condition for allowance. The following is an explanation of the changes to the claims.

The features transferred from claim 11 to claim 10 recite that “the chamber of the first valve and the chamber of the second valve are separated from each other by a wall, said wall having fixed thereon, on the first side inside the chamber of the first valve, the metal wall of the bellows of the first piston, and on a second side inside the chamber of the second valve, the metal wall of the bellows of the second piston, the separation wall of the body of the balancing device having passing therethrough a first channel for putting the first closed chamber of the first piston into communication with the chamber of the second valve, and a second channel for putting the closed chamber of the second piston into communication with the chamber of the first valve.”

Said features are not disclosed by Griffith. In Griffith, the chambers accommodating pistons 50 and 70 are not separated from each other by a separation wall having therethrough two channels. The chambers are remote from each others and are not situated on opposite sides of a separation wall (see figure 1). The chamber of each valve communicates with the “closed chamber” (space below piston 50 or 70) of the other valve by conduit 76 or 62 (see figure 1). Said conduits are no channels passing through a wall separating the two chambers from each other.

Furthermore, if one replaces pistons 50 and 70 by bellows, as suggested by the Examiner, the bellows would be fixed to the bottom ends of each chamber. These bottom ends are not located on opposite sides of a single separation wall extending between the chambers.

The features transferred from claim 11 to claim 10 are not disclosed by Politi, since the tap of Politi has a single valve having a single piston. Politi cannot disclose a separation wall extending between the respective chambers of two different valves.

In view of the above, consideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number noted below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayment, associated with this communication, including any extension fees, to CBLH Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 20513-00611-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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